

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **SUMMARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, STATE ROUTE 5 IN
SACRAMENTO COUNTY CONSTRUCT INTERCHANGE AND EXTEND COSUMNES
RIVER BOULEVARD IN SACRAMENTO**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at the April 2006 Commission meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

- 03-Sac-5, PM 14.3/15.5, Construct interchange and extend Cosumnes River Boulevard in the City of Sacramento in Sacramento County.

PROGRAMMING:

This project is not fully funded. Environmental and project development support costs are fully funded through a combination of local funds and the Regional Surface Transportation Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06. The local lead agency, the City of Sacramento, anticipates funding future capital costs and construction support costs through a combination of local funds and State Transportation Improvement Program funds. The total estimated project cost is \$59.3 million. The final plans, specifications, and estimate is scheduled for completion in December 2007. Assuming funding is available, construction is estimated to begin in late FY 2007/08.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

Alternatives considered for the proposed project include:

- Build Alternative A: Construct Cosumnes River Boulevard from Franklin Boulevard west to Freeport Boulevard, and construct an interchange at I-5. Just west of Morrison Creek, the Cosumnes River Boulevard alignment travels north and then west until reaching the interchange location.

- Build Alternative B: Construct Cosumnes River Boulevard from Franklin Boulevard west to Freeport Boulevard, and construct an interchange at I-5. Just west of Morrison Creek, the alignment travels west through the buffer land adjacent to Morrison Creek. It then enters the southern portion of the Delta Shores parcel and travels northwest to the interchange location.
- No Build Alternative.

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

- Cumulative impact to agricultural lands
- Cumulative impacts to special status species and vernal pool habitat
- Increased traffic volumes
- Potential exposure to hazardous wastes
- Construction-period air quality and noise impacts
- Permanent changes in light and glare
- Permanent changes to views

Because there will be unmitigated potentially significant impacts, an Environmental Impact Report with a Statement of Overriding Considerations is being prepared.

PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:

- Program to brief construction workers regarding environmental commitments
- Avoid impacts on special-status species
- Compensate for indirect impacts to vernal pool invertebrates and for direct impacts to valley elderberry longhorn beetle, giant garter snake, and foraging habitat for Swainson's hawk
- Contribute fair share toward installation of future traffic signal at Route 160/Freeport Bridge intersection
- Sampling, testing and proper handling of yellow striping on existing roadway
- Worker health and safety plan
- Sampling and analysis of electrical transformer fluid
- Test for aerially deposited lead
- Control visible emissions from offroad diesel powered equipment
- Employ noise-reducing construction practices
- Prepare and implement lighting plan, use low-sheen and nonreflective surface materials on walls, railings and light standards
- Incorporate design characteristics and aesthetic treatments to minimize visual impacts

Attachment

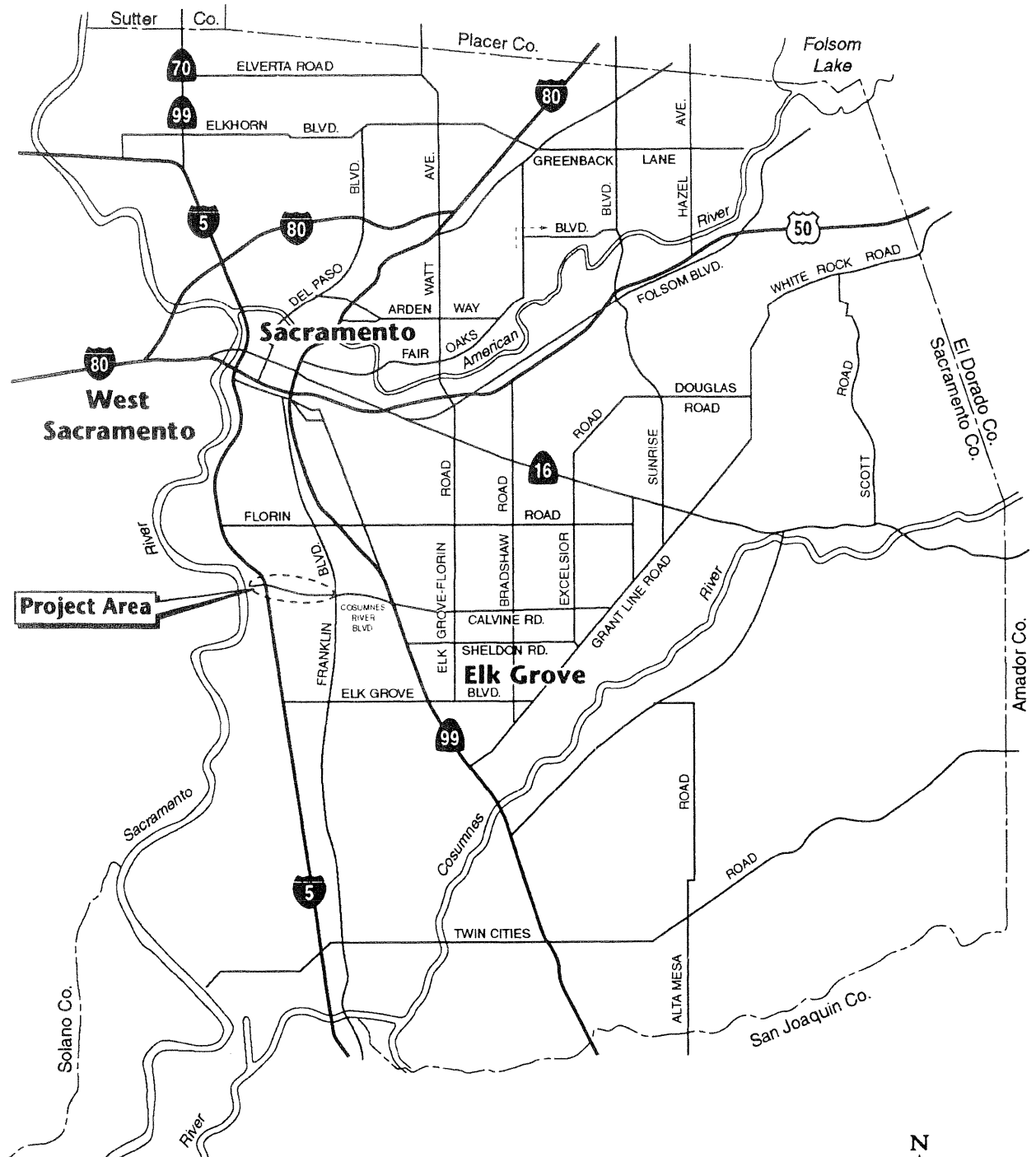


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Vicinity Map
I-5/Cosumnes River Boulevard Interchange Project